



# DW\_norm

## Normalization for Fractional Input

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### Features and Benefits

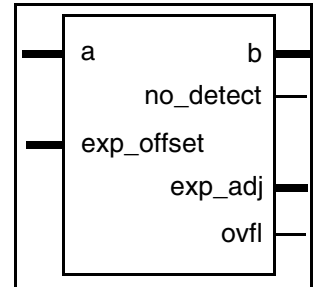
- Parameterized word lengths
- Parameterized search window
- Indication of exceptional cases

### Revision History

### Description

DW\_norm is a general-purpose normalization module for positive fractional input. The fixed-point input format is  $a = (a_0.a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4 a_5 \dots a_{a\_width-1})$ , where  $a_i$  represents a bit. Input  $a$  has one integer bit and  $a\_width - 1$  fractional bits. The normalization process consists in shifting the input vector  $a$  to the left until the output bit-vector has a 1 in the MS bit position, or the vector was shifted by the maximum number of bits in the search window.

The number of bit positions shifted to the left during normalization ( $n$ ) is passed to the value of  $exp\_adj$ . This output corresponds to  $(exp\_offset + n)$  when parameter  $exp\_ctr = 0$  or  $(exp\_offset - n)$  when  $exp\_ctr = 1$ , where  $n = \max(srch\_wind - 1, number\_of\_MS\_zeros)$ .



**Table 1-1 Pin Description**

Pin Name	Width	Direction	Function
a	$a\_width$ bits	Input	Input data
exp_offset	$exp\_width$ bits	Input	Offset value for the exponent
no_detect	1 bit	Output	Result of search for the leading bit with value 1 in the search window <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 0: Bit found</li> <li>■ 1: Bit not found</li> </ul>
ovfl	1 bit	Output	Value provided at output $exp\_adj$ is negative or incorrect
b	$a\_width$ bits	Output	Normalized output data
exp_adj	$exp\_width$ bits	Output	$exp\_offset$ combined with the number of bit positions the input $a$ was shifted to the left ( $n$ ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <math>exp\_ctr = 0 \rightarrow exp\_offset + n</math></li> <li>■ <math>exp\_ctr = 1 \rightarrow exp\_offset - n</math></li> </ul>

**Table 1-2 Parameter Description**

Parameter	Values	Description
a_width	$\geq 2$ Default: 8	Word length of a and b
srch_wind	2 to a_width Default: 8	Search window for the leading 1 bit (from bit position 0 to a_width - 1)
exp_width <sup>a</sup>	$\geq \text{ceil}(\log_2(\text{srch\_wind}))$ Default: 4	Word length of exp_offset and exp_adj
exp_ctr	0 or 1 Default: 0	Control over exp_adj computation

a. The lower bound of parameter *exp\_width* was modified starting on G-2012.06-SP1; the previous lower bound was 1.

**Table 1-3 Synthesis Implementations**

Implementation Name	Function	License Feature Required
rtl	Synthesis model for fast architecture	DesignWare
str	Synthesis model for reduced area	DesignWare

**Table 1-4 Simulation Models**

Model	Function
DW01.DW_NORM_CFG_SIM	Design unit name for VHDL simulation
dw/dw01/src/DW_norm_sim.vhd	VHDL simulation model source code
dw/sim_ver/DW_norm.v	Verilog simulation model source code

The input *exp\_offset* is provided by the user to indicate that a pre-shifting of the input operand was already done to adjust it to the required input format. For example, if the actual fixed-point value is (101.0011), the input for the DW\_norm component may be *a* = (0.01010011) and *exp\_offset* = (0100), for the parameters *a\_width* = 9 and *exp\_width* = 4. It shows the case of left zero padding on the bit vector.

The *srch\_wind* parameter is used to simplify the normalization hardware. This parameter defines the number of MS bits that must contain a 1. When there is no leading 1 in the search window, the output is shifted to the left by *srch\_wind* - 1 bit positions, and the *no\_detect* output is set to 1.

After normalization, using the same numerical example as above, the outputs *b*, *no\_detect*, and *exp\_adj* are generated as *b* = (1.01001100), *no\_detect* = 0, and *exp\_adj* = (0010), when *srch\_wind* > 2 and *exp\_ctr* = 1. In this case, the number of bit positions shifted to the left was subtracted from the *exp\_offset* value. If *srch\_wind* = 2,

the leading 1 in the example provided above would not be found, and the output values would be  $no\_detect = 1$ ,  $b = (0.10100110)$ , and  $exp\_adj = (0011)$ .

Output  $ovfl$  is 1 when the value provided at the  $exp\_adj$  output is negative or incorrect (when the number of bits used in  $exp\_adj$  is not enough to represent the number). In order to have a meaningful value in the  $exp\_adj$  output, the parameter  $exp\_width$  must be at least  $\log_2(srch\_wind)$ . Table 1-5 and Table 1-6 on page 4 show the behavior of this component.

**Table 1-5 Truth Table ( $a\_width = 4$ ,  $exp\_width = 2$ ,  $srch\_wind = 4$ ,  $exp\_ctr = 0$ )**

$a(3:0)$	$exp\_offset(1:0)$	$no\_detect$	$b(0)$	$b(1)$	$b(2)$	$b(3)$	$exp\_adj$	$ovfl$
0000	00	1	0	0	0	0	11	0
0001	00	0	1	0	0	0	11	0
001x	00	0	1	x	0	0	10	0
01xx	00	0	1	x	x	0	01	0
1xxx	00	0	1	x	x	x	00	0
0000	01	1	0	0	0	0	00	1
0001	01	0	1	0	0	0	00	1
001x	01	0	1	x	0	0	11	0
01xx	01	0	1	x	x	0	10	0
1xxx	01	0	1	x	x	x	01	0
0000	10	1	0	0	0	0	01	1
0001	10	0	1	0	0	0	01	1
001x	10	0	1	x	0	0	00	1
01xx	10	0	1	x	x	0	11	0
1xxx	10	0	1	x	x	x	10	0
0000	11	1	0	0	0	0	10	1
0001	11	0	1	0	0	0	10	1
001x	11	0	1	x	0	0	01	1
01xx	11	0	1	x	x	0	00	1
1xxx	11	0	1	x	x	x	11	0

**Table 1-6 Truth Table (*a\_width*=4, *exp\_width*=2, *srch\_wind*=4, *exp\_ctr*=1)**

<i>a</i> (3:0)	<i>exp_offset</i> (1:0)	<i>no_detect</i>	<i>b</i> (0)	<i>b</i> (1)	<i>b</i> (2)	<i>b</i> (3)	<i>exp_adj</i>	<i>ovfl</i>
0000	00	1	0	0	0	0	01	1
0001	00	0	1	0	0	0	01	1
001x	00	0	1	x	0	0	10	1
01xx	00	0	1	x	x	0	11	1
1xxx	00	0	1	x	x	x	00	0
0000	01	1	0	0	0	0	10	1
0001	01	0	1	0	0	0	10	1
001x	01	0	1	x	0	0	11	1
01xx	01	0	1	x	x	0	00	0
1xxx	01	0	1	x	x	x	01	0
0000	10	1	0	0	0	0	11	1
0001	10	0	1	0	0	0	11	1
001x	10	0	1	x	0	0	00	0
01xx	10	0	1	x	x	0	01	0
1xxx	10	0	1	x	x	x	10	0
0000	11	1	0	0	0	0	00	0
0001	11	0	1	0	0	0	00	0
001x	11	0	1	x	0	0	01	0
01xx	11	0	1	x	x	0	10	0
1xxx	11	0	1	x	x	x	11	0

## Related Topics

- [Datapath- Arithmetic Overview](#)
- [DesignWare Building Block IP User Guide](#)

## HDL Usage Through Component Instantiation - VHDL

```

library IEEE,DWARE;
use IEEE.std_logic_1164.all;
use DWARE.DWpackages.all;
use DWARE.DW_foundation_comp.all;

entity DW_norm_inst is
    generic (
        inst_a_width : POSITIVE := 8;
        inst_srch_wind : POSITIVE := 8;
        inst_exp_width : POSITIVE := 4;
        inst_exp_ctr : INTEGER := 0
    );
    port (
        inst_a : in std_logic_vector(inst_a_width-1 downto 0);
        inst_exp_offset : in std_logic_vector(inst_exp_width-1 downto 0);
        no_detect_inst : out std_logic;
        ovfl_inst : out std_logic;
        b_inst : out std_logic_vector(inst_a_width-1 downto 0);
        exp_adj_inst : out std_logic_vector(inst_exp_width-1 downto 0)
    );
end DW_norm_inst;

architecture inst of DW_norm_inst is

begin

    -- Instance of DW_norm
    U1 : DW_norm
        generic map ( a_width => inst_a_width, srch_wind => inst_srch_wind, exp_width =>
inst_exp_width, exp_ctr => inst_exp_ctr )
        port map ( a => inst_a, exp_offset => inst_exp_offset, no_detect => no_detect_inst,
ovfl => ovfl_inst, b => b_inst, exp_adj => exp_adj_inst );

end inst;

```

## HDL Usage Through Component Instantiation - Verilog

```
module DW_norm_inst( inst_a, inst_exp_offset, no_detect_inst, ovfl_inst,
                    b_inst, exp_adj_inst );

parameter a_width = 8;
parameter srch_wind = 8;
parameter exp_width = 4;
parameter exp_ctr = 0;

input [a_width-1 : 0] inst_a;
input [exp_width-1 : 0] inst_exp_offset;
output no_detect_inst;
output ovfl_inst;
output [a_width-1 : 0] b_inst;
output [exp_width-1 : 0] exp_adj_inst;

// Instance of DW_norm
DW_norm #(a_width, srch_wind, exp_width, exp_ctr)
    U1 ( .a(inst_a), .exp_offset(inst_exp_offset), .no_detect(no_detect_inst),
        .ovfl(ovfl_inst), .b(b_inst), .exp_adj(exp_adj_inst) );

endmodule
```

## Revision History

For notes about this release, see the [DesignWare Building Block IP Release Notes](#).

For lists of both known and fixed issues for this component, refer to the [STAR report](#).

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Date	Release	Updates
December 2020	DWBB_202009.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>For STAR 3408988, corrected type for parameter <code>exp_ctr</code> in the example in “HDL Usage Through Component Instantiation - VHDL” on page 5</li></ul>
July 2020	DWBB_201912.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Added the <code>exp_ctr</code> parameter to the examples on page 5 and page 6</li></ul>
January 2019	DWBB_201806.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Updated example in “HDL Usage Through Component Instantiation - VHDL” on page 5</li><li>Added this Revision History table and the document links on this page</li></ul>

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